GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF JAPANESE PM
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The issues discussed with the Japanese Prime Minister during his recent visit to India and the outcome thereof; and

(b) the areas in which new agreements have been signed between the two countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) The Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Yoshiro Mori paid a State visit to India from 21 to 25 August, 2000.This was the first visit at this level since 1990. He also visited Bangalore and Agra.

The Japanese Prime Minister called on our President and Vice President and held official discussions with Prime MinisterEAM called on him.

The two Prime Ministers agreed to build a multi-faceted global partnership for the 21st century.

Discussions covered a wide range of issues including bilateral political and economic relations, international terrorism, UN reform, celebration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, institutionalisation of high level dialogue, cooperation in Information Technology, a comprehensive security dialogue, cooperation in combating piracy and the launching of the India-Japan Eminent Persons Group.

It was agreed inter alia that (1) The 50th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral diplomatic relations in 2002 would be commemorated in a befitting manner. (2) An India-Japan IT Summit willtake place in Japan. (3) A security dialogue will be entered into.. (4) Both countries will cooperate on the reform of the UN Security Council.(5) An India-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Association will be constituted. and (6) The India-Japan Eminent Persons` Group will meet at an early date.
Prime MinisterMori announced that two high level economic missions would visit India in October 2000 and January 2001.The first high level economic mission visited India from 29 October to 4 November, 2000.

(b) No new agreements were signed during the visit.